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TION IS CLASSIFIED SECRET, NOT REPEAT NOT IN "T" SYSTEM:

MAZAR-I-SHARIF: TWO COMPACTED SOD STRIPS, BOTH
14,000 BWL CAPACITY: 10,000 BY 400-500 FEET ORIENTED 10-22; 4500 BY
300-400 FEET ORIENTED 02-20 (AS OF JUNE 1959).

BAGRAM: CONCRETE RUNWAY TOPPED WITH ASPHALT ON ROCK
AND GRAVEL BASE, 10,000 BY 200 FEET ORIENTED 02-20. PARALLEL AND
LINK TAXIWAY SYSTEM COMPLETED; NO DETAILS. ABOUT 100 BUILDINGS
PROGRAMMED FOR CONSTRUCTION; EIGHT COMPLETED (OCT 59) AND

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REMAINDER SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN 1960.

GARDEZ (33-37N/69-08E): REPAIR WORK ON THIS AIRFIELD REPORTEDLY BEGUN 10 APRIL 1959. CONSTRUCTION OF SOME HANGARS REPORTED PROPOSED; NO DETAILS.

ASMAR: CONSISTS OF A NATURAL SURFACE LANDING AREA, 2400 BY 2400 FEET (OCT 57); NO OTHER INFORMATION.

FARAH: A SMALL LANDING AREA FORMERLY EXISTED AT REFERENCED COORDINATES, DIMENSIONS UNKNOWN; NOW OVERGROWN (OCT 57). IMPROVEMENTS REPORTEDLY PROPOSED.

FAIZABAD: A NATURAL SURFACE LANDING AREA OF ABOUT 3000 BY 2400 FEET (OCT 57), PART OF WHICH MAY BE UNDER CULTIVATION FROM TIME TO TIME. IN MARCH 1957 IT WAS REPORTED THAT CONSTRUCTION WORK WAS TO BE ACCELERATED AT THIS SITE TO ESTABLISH AIR COMMUNICATIONS WITH KABUL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE; NO DETAILS.

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GHANI KHEL: SMALL NATURAL SURFACE LANDING AREA OF ABOUT 1800 BY 1800 FEET LOCATED AT 34-14N/70-48E.

GRISHK: ORIGINAL LANDING AREA OF 1800 BY 1200 FEET; NOW BELIEVED OVERGROWN.

KABUL: GRASS ON ROLLED SOD STRIP, 4590 BY 330 FEET ORIENTED 15-33, CAPABLE OF SUPPORTING 26,000 POUNDS IN FAIR WEATHER. NOV 59 INFORMATION STATES CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW RUNWAY SCHEDULED TO START DURING DEC 59; NO DETAILS.

MATUN (KHOST), 33-21N/69-58E: NATURAL SURFACE LANDING AREA OF ABOUT 1300 FEET NNE/SSW and 3000 FEET WNW/ESE (OCT 57). AS OF APR 59, COMPREHENSIVE PLANS WERE REPORTEDLY DRAWN UP FOR IMPROVEMENT OF THIS LANDING GROUND, INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION OF 18 HANGARS, AN OBSERVATION TOWER AND FUEL STORAGE TANKS. CONSTRUCTION WORK REPORTEDLY STARTED UNDER SUPERVISION OF

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RUSSIAN ENGINEERS. ARMS AND AMMUNITION STORAGE BUILDINGS PROPOSED FOR CONSTRUCTION.

KUNDUZ: NATURAL SURFACE STRIP OF ABOUT 5000 BY 150 FEET ORIENTED 14 - 32, WITH 14,000 ESWL CAPACITY (DEC 58). TERMINAL BUILDING PROPOSED.

TASHKURGHAN: NATURAL SURFACE STRIP, 4500 FEET LONG, ORIENTED E-W, SUITABLE FOR USE IN FAIR WEATHER. NO TAXIWAYS OR PREPARED PARKING FACILITIES (AS OF OCT 57).

2. USAF TAKING ACTION THROUGH ASSETS AVAILABLE TO THEM ON OTHER REQUIREMENTS LISTED REFERENCE A. ANTICIPATE FURTHER DATA IN ABOUT TWO MONTHS.

END OF MESSAGE

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